

HOUSE No. 1163

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to encourage students to remain in school until graduation. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Donald F. Humason, Jr.
Mary S. Rogeness	Susan Williams Gifford
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Shirley A. Gomes
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Chapter 741 of the Acts of 1965 is hereby
2 amended by striking, in line 3, the word “sixteen” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:— 17; and by striking in line 12 the
4 words “sixteen, respectively” and inserting in place thereof the
5 following words:— 17, or until graduation from high school,
6 whichever occurs first.

1 SECTION 2: The department of education shall study the drop
2 out rate of high school students over a period of five years and
3 shall compile and submit a report and recommendations to the
4 joint committee on education, arts and humanities, and to the
5 house and senate clerks on November 1st of each year after com-
6 mencing on January 1, 2006.